

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
Appln. No. 09/461,822  
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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims** (deleted text being struck through (or triple bracketed) and added text being underlined):

1           1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:  
2           maintaining an electronic program guide with a registry for  
3           applications to be linked with occurrence of an event in information  
4           received by the electronic program guide;  
5           registering an application with [[[an]]] the electronic program guide;  
6           associating the registered application with an event;  
7           while receiving information from a selected information source,  
8           monitoring event related information by the electronic program guide for an  
9           occurrence of the event; and  
10          upon an occurrence of the event, causing an operation of the  
11          application to be executed.

1           2. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, the event  
2           being a predetermined time relative to ~~the~~ a program and said monitoring  
3           step including the monitoring time to determine when the predetermined  
4           time occurs.

1           3. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, said causing step  
2           including launching the application upon an occurrence of the event.

1           4. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, said causing step  
2           including stopping the application upon an occurrence of the event.

5. (Canceled)

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6. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, further including the step of determining event related information based upon electronic program guide data for the received information.

7. (Currently Amended) A program of instruction storable on an information storage medium for causing an information handling system to execute steps for causing the operation of an application to occur, the steps comprising:

maintaining an electronic program guide with a registry for applications to be linked with occurrence of an event in information received by the electronic program guide;

registering an application with the electronic program guide; associating the registered application with an event;

while receiving information from a selected information source, monitoring event related information by the electronic program guide for an occurrence of the event; and

upon an occurrence of the event, causing an operation of the application to be executed.

8. (Currently Amended) A program of instruction as claimed in claim 7, the event being a predetermined time relative to ~~the~~ a program and said monitoring step including the monitoring time to determine when the predetermined time occurs.

9. (Original) A program of instruction as claimed in claim 7, said causing step including launching the application upon an occurrence of the event.

10. (Original) A program of instruction as claimed in claim 7, said causing step including stopping the application upon an occurrence of the event.

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11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) A program of instruction as claimed in claim 7, the steps further including the step of determining event related information based upon electronic program guide data for the received information.

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus providing an electronic program guide, comprising:

means for maintaining an electronic program guide with a registry for applications to be linked with occurrence of an event in information received by the electronic program guide;

means for registering an application with an the electronic program guide;

means for receiving information from one or more information sources, the one or more information sources consisting of air transmitted television, cable television, satellite television, world-wide network, and internal storage medium, the means for receiving selecting one of the one or more information sources;

means for storing programming information related to information capable of being received from the one or more information sources;

means for monitoring for the occurrence of a predetermined event related to information received from the selected one of the one or more information sources; and

means for, responsive to the occurrence of the predetermined event, for implementing an operation of [[[an]]] the application registered with [[[an]]] the electronic program guide.

14. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 13, further comprising means for providing a timing reference to said monitoring means.

15. (Cancelled)

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1           16. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 13, said receiving  
2 means being an information handling system capable of receiving the  
3 information and displaying the information on a display.

1           17. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 13, said storing  
2 means being an electronic program guide database.

1           18. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 13, said  
2 monitoring means being [[[an]]] the electronic program guide ~~capable of~~  
3 ~~being executed resident as a program~~ on an information handling system.

1           19. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 13, said  
2 implementing means being [[[an]]] the electronic program guide ~~capable of~~  
3 ~~being executed resident as a program~~ on an information handling system.

1           20. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 13, further  
2 comprising a timer circuit for providing a timing reference to said  
3 monitoring means.

21. (Canceled)

1           22. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 13,  
2 wherein information is monitored.

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23. (Currently Amended) A program of instructions storable on an information storage medium for causing an information handling system to execute steps for causing the operation of an application to occur, the steps comprising:

maintaining an electronic program guide with a registry for applications to be linked with occurrence of an event in information received by the electronic program guide;

determining applications registered with [[[an]]] the electronic program guide;

associating one of the registered applications with an event;

selecting an information source;

receiving information from the information source;

determining an event time; and

upon the occurrence of the event time, causing an operation of the one of the registered applications to occur.

24. (Previously Presented) A program as described in claim 23, further comprising the step of monitoring time between the steps of determining an event time and causing an operation.

25. (Previously Presented) A program as described in claim 23, further comprising the step of monitoring information between the steps of determining an event time and causing an operation.

26. (Previously Presented) A program as described in claim 24, wherein the operation caused is a launching of the application.

27. (Previously Presented) A program as described in claim 24, wherein the operation caused is a stopping of the application.